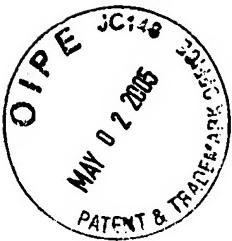


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Mail Stop Amendment
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Sir:

This Response is in reply to the Office Action mailed December 30, 2004. A Petition for Extension of Time Under 37 CFR 1.136(a) is enclosed herewith, together with a Fee Transmittal and payment check in the amount of \$120.00 for a one-month extension of time to respond to the Office Action.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 5 of this paper.